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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2001. *2nd*
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kilray et al. (US Patent No. 6,475,146 B1).

Regarding claims 1 and 10, Kilray discloses a method of selecting and presenting user customizable preferences, the method comprising: providing a display having user preference selections, the user preference selections including a customizable selection [..providing a control interface for allowing the user to customize parameters of the size, font the color of highlighting; see col. 3, lines 10-19] ; receiving a customized user preference selection as an input to the customizable selection, and presenting the customized user preference selection in the display of user preference selections along with the customizable selection [..the text-reader software may be customized to underline the words that are being electronically enunciated to suite the user's preference; see col. 8, lines 46-63].

Regarding claim 2, Kilray discloses, wherein the step of receiving a customized user preference selection includes launching a data entry request window when the customizable selection is selected (see col. 11, lines 15-62).

Regarding claim 3, Kilray discloses, wherein the step of receiving a customized user preference selection includes accessing a stored value previously entered by a user (see col. 12, lines 29-65).

Regarding claim 4, Kilray discloses, wherein the customizable selection is set to be the default selection in the user preference selections such that the customizable selection and customized user preference selection are displayed in the user preference selections (see col. 13, lines 33-65).

Regarding claims 5-7, Kilray discloses, wherein the step of presenting the customized preference selections includes presenting the customized user preference selection in parenthesis next to the customizable selection in the user preference selections; and wherein the customizable selection corresponds to a specific image compression percentage (see col. 14, lines 7-51).

Regarding claim 8, Kilray discloses, wherein the customized user preference selection is a number (see figures 5A-6).

Regarding claim 9, Kilray discloses user preference selection along with the customizable selection in the user preference selections includes updating the customizable selection in the user preference selections based upon configuration settings (see col. 15, lines 7-67).

As claims 11-20 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-10 above.


Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (see PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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